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CHANGED LINE-UP IN AUTO CONTEST

All Candidates Are Running Well at Last Accounting—Ladies Change Places this Week

It is a merry race, and the contestants are now on the last lap of the exciting and interesting journey. The count conducted this week, the last before the final accounting in March, resulted in some changes in the December count. Mrs. R. T. Smith, who lead in the December count, was overtaken during the past few days by Miss Esther Gregg. Mrs. Smith was prevented by sickness in her family from continuing her best work. Miss Estelle Nobles made big gains since the December stand. She is third in to-day's count, climbing from fifth position. A few days of close attention to the work of securing votes proved most effective. Miss Velma Neel, owing to school duties and bad weather in her community has been prevented from pushing her candidacy as she desired. However, a number of friends in Boyd and Rhome assisted substantially in boosting her cause. The other contestants increased their vote at a pleasing rate.

Now, from this day to the hour of closing the polls the real fun will be on. It is up to the candidates to put forth their best efforts. The big handsome Overland auto is now on exhibition at Helm, Ward & Dillihay. It's a beauty, ladies, and is worth every minute of your spare time from now 'til the contest comes to a close. At this time it is anybody's contest, that is, there is no telling who will capture the capital prize. Any lady in the contest is in a position to "run out ahead." The one who gets busy, very busy, and goes out to win, will land the plum.

In all contests of this character, peculiar and amusing reports get afloat. As a sample of these, we will repeat one. "I hear Miss So-and-So has a million votes saved up to run in next week, and I'm afraid she has me defeated easily." Probably the next day the Miss So-and-So informs us that she has just heard that our first visitor was thousands ahead and would win. One of the most amusing was the "scare" one of the contestants had when she heard that a certain opponent was marshalling her forces to sweep up everything and win the automobile in a walk. At that very time the opponent referred to had concluded she could not win and was quitting the race. So, you see, the "reports" are often absolutely without foundation. We laugh and say nothing, only to advise the ladies that the time is short and that it requires work if they would own the handsomest and most expensive prizes ever given away by a newspaper in this section of Texas. The second prize, a beautiful grafanola, costing $100.00, is now exhibition at Ball-Christian Co. The third prize is a D. B. C. scholarship.

The standing of contestants by the checking made Wednesday night, is as the contestants' names appear:

Miss Esther Gregg, route 2, Decatur.

Mrs. R. T. Smith, Decatur.

Miss Estelle Nobles, route 6, Decatur.

Miss Velma Neel, Boyd.

Miss Laura Almonroad, route 2, Decatur.

Miss Helen Smith, route 6, Decatur

Miss Ada Brady, Decatur.

Miss Isabel Best, Greenwood.

Miss Beulah Weatherby, route 5, Decatur.

Epworth League Program

Subject: "What Does Christ Want Us to Do?" John 15. 12-16.

Leaders, Gilbert Taylor and Elbertine Williams.

Leader's talk.

"The Unfolding Life," Marvin Moreland.

"A New Power in the World; the Transforming Power of Love," Ida Mae McConnell.

"Who Are Friends of Jesus?" Lottie Taylor.

"The Permanent Fruits of the Christian Life," Eunice Adams.

"Co-operation in Prayer," Fannie Donald.

"The Great Men of the World Were Men of Prayer," Outler Gose.

Bible drill, Nancy Wall

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DECATUR BEAUTY RESEMBLES BARA

En Route to Visit Denison Friend Miss Clothilde Davis Meets Admirer of Movie Star

"Well how do you do? I did not know that you were in this portion of the country."

The remark was addressed to Miss Clothilde Davis as she was en route from Fort Worth to Denison today, by a young man whom she had never seen before.

"I beg your pardon," was her response, "but you must be mistaken. I don't believe we have met before."

"Oh yes we have," was the ready reply,—"that is, I've seen you on the screen and have a picture of you. You are Miss Theda Bara, are you not?"

Friends of Miss Davis who saw her this morning are not surprised at the young man's mistake, as they could readily see the marked resemblance. Miss Davis is visiting at the home of Mrs. Bert De Bernardi, 401 West Morton street.—Denison Herald.

Miss Clothilde is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Davis living on West Main street. She is recognized as one of the most beautiful girls in Decatur; gracious, cultured and queenly. Miss Bara has been complimented by the young man.

Former Decaturite In Big Suit

ATTORNEY BILL RATLIFF

A suit involving thousands of acres of land in the coast county, recently resulted in a hung jury in Matagorda county, one man opposing a verdict favorable to the client of Attorney Ratliff of Dallas. If the case is won, it is said, the fee coming to Mr. Ratliff will be one of the largest ever paid an attorney in Texas. Our fellow townsman and prominent lawyer, L. D. Ratliff, is a brother of the chief council in the big suit. Attorney "Bill" is a former citizen of Decatur, and while living here he married the charming and popular Miss Myrtle Barton. For the past several years Attorney Ratliff has been identified with the legal department of the Dallas Consolidated Railway Co.

Services at Baptist Church

There were one hundred and twenty in Sunday school and a good congregation assembled in spite of the cold and rain on Sunday morning to hear Rev. E. J. Thompson of Rhome, who preached a most excellent sermon to the delight of all present. All services next Sunday as usual. The pastor will preach at both hours on themes of vital intereset. A large choir will furnish good music featured by special numbers. A large crowd is expected at both services and helpful services are anticipated. You are invited.

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Have purchased the stock of R. L. Blankenship on the North Side of the public square. These gentlemen are arranging stock this week, and in next week's Messenger they will have something to say of interest to economical buyers. This store will be the bargain center of the town and community.

The Messenger.

NEW DENVER SCHEDULE

NORTH BOUND	SOUTH BOUND
Arrive at Decatur	
No. 3, 11:07 a.m.	No. 8, 5:06 a.m.
No. 7, 12:45 a.m.	No. 4, 5:12 p.m.
Leave — Ft. Worth	— Arrive
No. 3, 9:30 a.m.	No. 8, 6:45 a.m.
No. 7, 11:05 p.m.	No. 4, 6:45 p.m.
Amarillo	
No. 3, 11:15 p.m.	No. 8, 5:50 p.m.
No. 7, 6:00 p.m.	No. 4, 5:45 a.m.
Arrive — Denver	— Leave
No. 7, 7:00 a.m.	No. 8, 11:30 p.m.

Local News

Majestic feature tonight, Friday.

Denton Normal vs. D. B. C. Feb. 7.

J. S. Lane of Dallas, was here this week.

Just received a large shipment of window glass. Shamburger Lumber Yard.

Denton Normal vs. D. D. C. at the town gymnasium next Monday afternoon at 4:30 and at 7:00 at night.

Red Top cane seed; Melbane cotton seed. Decatur Grain Co.

Misses Muriel White and Ather Averiett of Fort Worth, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Reynolds.

There were 16,211 bales of cotton ginned in Wise county prior to Jan. 16, 1916, as compared with 25,418 bales prior to Jan. 16, 1915.

Windw glass, all sizes and thicknesses, at Shamburger Lumber Yard.

The ladies of the First Cumberland Presbyterian church will sell home-made candy on the public square next Saturday. Your patronage is solicited.

Majestic theater tickets given away at Robinson's grand sale tomorrow. One hundred will be given away to those buying $1.00 or more of goods.

The case of G. M. Keller vs. Ollie Sikes, et al. was postponed until next term of court on account of depositions of parties in New Mexico failing to arrive.

Miss Jewel Ingram returned home this week from Baylor university, completing her course in the department of expression, and giving her graduating recital on January 29.

A local teachers' institute will be held in Chico at the high school building on Feb. 26. A good program will be carried out. The ladies of Chico will serve lunch to all visiting teachers.

Call at Shamburger Lumber Yard for any size window glass.

The Wise county I. O. O. F. and Rebekah Association will hold their seventeenth semi-annual session in Bridgeport, Tuesday, Feb. 8. An interesting program has been prepared and a large attendance is expected. A number of Decatur members will attend.

Just received a large shipment of window glass. Shamburger Lumber Co.

At the opening of the grand sale at the Robinson store tomorrow, 100 tickets to the Majestic theater will be given away. The first one hundred people who make purchases amounting to $1.00 or more will receive tickets. Ask for them.

Bulk oats 40c per bushel at Lillard Milling Company.

Miss Dana Summers has accepted her old position in Stephenville as manager of one of the largest millinery establishments in that city. She left this week to take charge of the business. Miss Dana is one of the most proficient trimmers in the state, and it is said she commands a handsome salary.

Bulk oats 40c per bushel at Lillard Milling Company.

Barney Shoemaker has been in Louisiana several days on business.

Fount Ray was here from Dallas.

A. Robinson was in Dallas Sunday.

Mrs. R. L. Blankenship is visiting in Waco.

Mrs. O. B. Ball, Jr., of Frederick, is visiting here.

Elmer Clark and family have returned from Vernon.

Edgar Procter of Boyd, was here Wednesday on business.

The Alderson and Beville livery stables have consolidated.

Guinn Williams and Alfred Brown were in Dallas Wednesday.

The democratic primary will be held on Saturnay, July 22, 1916.

Roy Watkins and wife of Arlington, have been guests of Mrs. Joe Hill.

Mrs. P. O. Saunders, formerly of Decatur, died in Dallas Sunday.

F. P. Timberlake is in the New York markets buying spring goods.

Hon. A. D. Rogers of San Antonio, was in the city a few drys this week.

Miss Irma Lou Chamoers has been visiting relatives below Oliver Creek community.

Miss Myrtle Cotner of Fort Worth, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. L. Howell.

Print Porter, one of the city's efficient and popular grocery salesmen, is now with McAnear's grocery.

Mrs. James K. Stewart has returned to her home in San Francisco, after visiting her mother, Mrs. A. S. Badger.

At a recent meeting of Ben McCulloch camp, U. C. V., the date for next reunion was set for July 12, 13, 14, 1616.

Mrs. M. C. Eidson is returning to Decatur from Chicago with her little daughter, Lura Love, who is recoving from a serious illness.

Eugene Stokes, one of the most popular and best liked grocery salesmen in Decatur, has accepted a position with the Brandenburg & St Clair store.

Tom Greer and George Donald this week bought the R. L. Blankenship stock of racket goods on the north side of the square, and will continue the business at the same stand.

Juanita, the baby girl of Mr and Mrs. John Scott, died last Sunday after a short illness of pneumonia. Funeral services were held Monday at 1 o'clock p. m., after which interment occurred at the city cemetery.

Messenger is inebted to Fred Burtis for some complimentary welding done for us this week. Burtis is an expert workman and with his modern welding machine he turns out work that cannot be excelled in this section.

I wish to announce to the voters of precinct 1 and 6 that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of county commissioner in the coming democratic primary. Thanking you for past favors and co-operation in my road work, and promising that if re-elected I will do my very best to serve you to the best of my ability, I am, Yours truly, W. B. Splawn.

The Denton Normal basket ball team will play the local college team two games here Monday afternoon and night. Both games will be played in the gymnasium. Denton's team, coached by Jim St. Clair, has met the strongest teams in Texas and Oklahoma this season and has been defeated only once, that being by Texas State—admittedly superior to minor schools. The Baptist college players have trained strenuously for the clash with their Denton rivals. These games are of state-wide interest and Decatur sport lovers will have a treat.

Mrs. D. H. Payne entertained the Harmony club Saturday afternoon at her home on North Trinity street. Mrs. D. W. Frazer, vice president of the club, presided and one of the most interesting and instructive meetings of the season. The member voted unimously to give an operatta in near future. Mrs. John A. Simmons choral director of the club, will direct the operatta. The year book committee is compysed of Mesdames Simmons, Bass and Collins.

The Majestic tonight will feature "The Flash of the Emerald" tonight. Don't miss it.

The First Cumberland Presbyterian churce will hold services in the First Christian church next Sunday. Subject for morning: "The Religious Capability of Man." Evening: "The True Life of Man." We extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend these services, and especially do we urge every member of the First Cumberland Presbyterian church to be present. I. V. Stine, Pastor.

Judge F. O. McKinsey announces for re election to the office of district judge of this district. The judge is serving his first term and in Messenger's opinion he has made a splendid officer. He is a fair, honest presiding officer; he is familiar to a splendid degree with the law, and his manner is pleasing. This man is not only a good judge, but he measures full the requirements of a christian gentleman and patriot, and we hold that the good citizens of Wise, Parker and Jack counties will be looking to their biggest and best interests in again electing him to tke high office.

The Waco Baylor College paper says, "Miss Jewel Ingram, a graduate of the expression department, gave her recital Saturday, and it was a grand success. Before coming to Baylor, Miss Ingram had spent several years in Decatur Baptist College, where she won honors in every department of the college, but especially in expression. Miss Ingram has been in Baylor two years, and has gained much popularity both on account of her personality and talent as a reader. She was the reader with the Glee Club for two seasons, and everywhere she went her readings were considered among the strongest numbers. Miss Ingram has returned to her home and the best wishes of the entire student body go with her."

The election held here yesterday to determine whether the city shall issue bonds in the amount of $2,000 for street improvement resulted 114 for and 11 against.

"Bred in the Bone" at the Majestic next Tuesday night.

COLLEGE NEWS

Dr. George W. Truett and J. B. Gambrell, the campaigners, arrived in time to pay the college a brief visit and take supper Friday They the faculty and trustees of the college for a discussion of affairs pertaining to the welfare of the college.

Messrs. R. V. Whatley, O. G. Shifflet and Spurgeon McClung attended the B. Y. P. U. rally at Alvord Sunday.

Zack Bobo spent Saturday with homefolks at Rhome.

Dr. Hunter was here from Nocona, visiting his son, Noel, for a few days last week.

There will be a play given at the college on February 22.

Mr. Griffith Hughes has been real sick for a few days but is improving.

Rev. J. L. Ward attended the fifth Sunday meeting at Alvord Saturday and preached to a goodly audience there Sunday.

ALVORD

Neely Niven's barn and contents were destroyed by fire Monday.

Terrell Collins spent several days in Arlington.

D. B. Coats and family and Mrs. White have moved back to Alvord from Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Roby Hornsby and baby of Wichita, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Graham.

The Methodist district institute was held here last week.

Elder C. J. Robinson of Fort Worth, preached at the Christian church Sunday.

Revs Ward, Matthews, Ayers and Marshall of Decatur, attend the Baptist fifth Sunday meeting here last week. Rev. Gambrell of Dallas, lectured Saturday afteanoon.

County Superintendent Trussell spent Friday to Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cooper have moved to Byers.

Rufus Riley got his foot seriously cut while working with the bridge crew. He is in a sanitarium in Fort Worth. Mrs. Riley and daughter are moving back to their home here.

Mrs. McDavid was guest of her sister in Fort Worth last week.

Miss Merle Frensley was called home from Baylor university last week on account of the illness of her mother. Mr. E. P. Frensley and Myrle accompanied Mrs. Frensley to Dallas Tuesday where Mrs. Frensley will undergo an operation.

Ray McClure has moved to Crosby, county. J. E. Ellis accompanied him to erect a house for him.

John Wright and sisters were called to Newport Friday, to the bedside of their brother, Jim, who was shot by one of his schoolboys in school. Mr. Wright died Sunday.

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3-quart gray granite coffee pots	25 cents
12-quart blue and white granite bucket	50 cents
17-quart blue and white granite dish pan	50 cts
8-quart blue and white granite stew pan	50 cents
No. 8 blue and white tea kettle	50 cents
8-inch file	10 cents
10-inch flat file	15 cents
Van Calvert House Paint, per gallon	$1.75
Large fry pan	15 cents
Gray granite pans, all sizes	15 cents
Gray granite wash pans, all sizes	15 cents
$20.00 sewing machine for only	$16.95
$30.00 sewing machine for only	$24.95
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FOUND—Pocketbook containing money. Owner may have same by describing same and paying for this advertisement.

Wanted

NOTICE—Subject to change, I am paying the following prices for produce: Eggs, 25c; hens, 10c; small fryers, 12c; large fryers, 11c; bulk butter, 15c; all other stuff in proportion. Bring me your produce to the M. D. Sellars store. We will pay the very best spot cash prices possible. J. E. McBROOM, Decatur.

WANTED—Junk of all kinds; brass, metal, iron and rags; highest prices paid by W. Cohen, East Main street, Decatur.

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For Sale

RED SEED OATS for sale. A. C. HOYL. (13)

SEED OATS FOR SALE. See or A. C. BENNETT.

FOR SALE—Halbert Honey water melon seed; $1.00 per pound, postpaid. C. L. LONG, Rt. 3, Decatur.

CLARINET—For sale cheap; good condition. Write or phone T. F. HOLLABAUGH, Alvord, Texas.

FOR SALE—Stock from prize winning barred rocks and Mammoth bronze turkeys. Best in the state of Oklahoma. MRS. GEO. W. GOEHLER, Grandfield, Okla.

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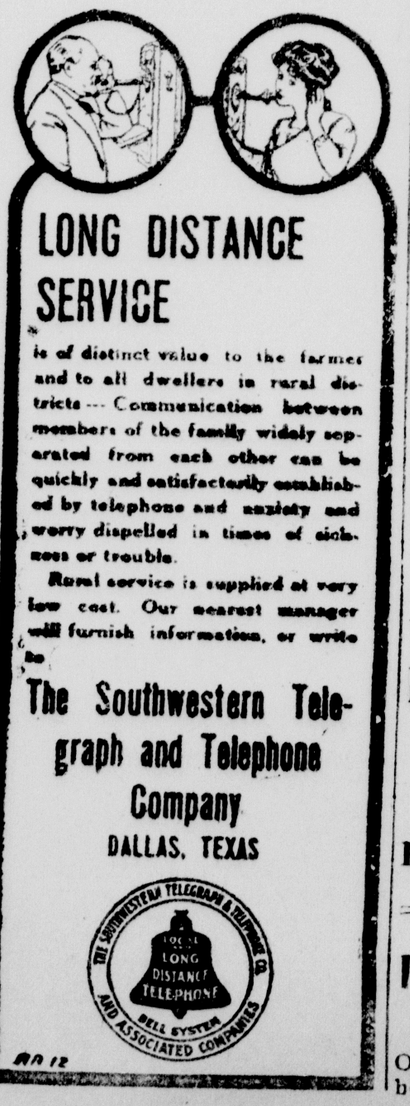
Messenger is requested to announce that a Hebrew from Jeruseleum will be in Decatur Saturday, Feb. 5, and he will exchange silver dollars for 50 cents.—Adv.



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No doubt you are, if you suffer from any of the numerous ailments to which all women are subject. Headache, backache, sideache, nervousness, weak, tired feeling, are some of the symptoms, and you must rid yourself of them in order to feel well. Thousands of women, who have been benefited by this remedy, urge you to

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The Boyd News

J. S. and Edgar Procter, Editors, Boyd, Texas

Varney Ross and family of Charlie, Clay county, visited relatives in South Wise and North Parker part of last week.

C. M. Portwood and family of Greenville, spent several days here since our last at the bedside of Mr. Portwood's father, J. M. Portwood, who has been very ill for some time.

Mrs. C. L. Mitchell of Dallas, visited her grandfather, J. M. Portwood, latter part of last week.

Meredith Portwood of Denton, was here part of last week at the bedside of his father, J. M. Portwood.

F. L. Portwood of Graham, spent several days here with his father, J. M. Portwood, since our last.

Mrs. Jesse Elliott of Park Springs, spent Saturday night here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thompson.

Marshall Portwood of Grapevine, arrived here Sunday for a visit to his father, J. M. Portwood.

On Saturday night, Feb. 12, there will be a play given at the school building for the purpose of raising money for the benefit of the school. This play has been thoroughly rehearsed by those taking part in it and bids fair to be one of the best ever had here. Don't fail to attend.

Mrs. W. S. Sampley returned Sunday from a few days' visit with her friend, Mrs. C. E. McGaw of Fort Worth.

The weather man capped the climax Sunday by sending us rain, snow and sleet.

Carlton McAfee of Bridgeport, spent Sunday here with his friend, Aston Turner.

Miss Oma McGhee of Fort Worth, arrived here Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Boydson of Fort Worth, visited relatives in the "heavy end" since our last.

Carl Absher of Fort Worth, visited homefolk here Sunday.

Clinton Howard left Sunday for Ft. Worth in quest of a position.

Miss Ulna Munn returned Saturday from an extended visit with relatives at Cleburne and Fort Worth.

S. Coplin visited his family at Fort Worth Saturday-Monday.

Max Lidell visited relatives in Fort Worth Saturday-Tuesday.

Mrs. Jim Anis Simmons returned home Monday from a visit with friends at Paradise.

Olin Karkolits and Ira Patterson of Paul's Valley Okla., visited Mr. Patterson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Patterson since our last.

W. C. Patterson left Tuesday for a trip through Oklahoma.

C. O. Combs, who for some time has been in Dallas, has returned to Boyd for a while.

Mrs. F. L. Portwood and children of Graham, arrived Tuesday for a visit to relatives and old friends and former neighbors.

M. P. Mask and Reagan Warren of Bridgeport, were here on business Tuesday.

N. Tabner, age almost 79, died at his home at Garvin Monday morning, Jan. 31, 1916, after suffering for some time with kidney trouble. Mr. Tabner was one of the old-timers of this section and will be missed by a host of our people. The bereaved ones have our sympathy.

W. A. Harris (Uncle Bill,) who had been critically ill for some time past, passed peacefully away early Tuesday morning, Feb. 1, 1916, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. V. T. Arrington, in Keeter community. Uncle Bill had been well and favorably known in this part of Wise county a long term of years and will be sadly missed. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of all.

Dr. W. C. Haddleston of Newark, was here a short time Tuesday morning and reported that Curtis Spradley, of near Peden, died Monday day night of pneumonia.

J. H. Stokes was a Decatur business visitor Monday.

During the severe weather of late the teachers and pupils of Boyd high school have had a strenuous time trying to keep warm with the heating facilites at hand, stovepipes falling, stoves broken until unsafe to keep fires in, etc., but the trustees have in an order for four special heaters that they are in hope will solve the problem satisfactorily.

T. H. Wright and Edgar Procter were in Decatur on business Wednesday.

To the first one hundred ladies added to the Majestic Saturday night will be given a friendship link.

Have you donated a book to the Boy Scout library? The boys will appreciate the gift.

RHOME.

Feb. 2, 1915.—Miss Ella Thompson of Decatur, is visiteng Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Van Meter.

Miss Mary Carpenter has returned home after a visit with her uncle, Dr. Carpenter, at Clifton.

Mrs. D. A. Carpenter of Decatur, was the mid-week guest of Mrs. B. W. Logan.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T Lillard have moved to the Jones residence on College street.

Mrs. A. A. Van Meter, Mrs. W. R. Taylor and daughter, Miss Katherine, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Van Meter and A. B. Van Meter attended the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott's baby at Decatur Monday.

Mrs. W. J. Logan, who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks is improving. Her nurse, Mrs. Edwards, left Sunday for her home at Fort Worth.

Bro. Busby of Fort Worth, preached at the Christian church Sunday morning and at 3:30 in the afternoon. His subject at the evening service, "Man's Extremity," was fine and greatly enjoyed, and those who were brave enough to face the inclement weather were made to feel that it was worth making to go.

Among those who are reported on the sick list this week are: Mrs. Laney Finlayson, Luther Benton, Wood Russell, Mrs. Jim Cates, Mrs. Mrs. M. T. Oates.

Rev. E. J. Thompson attended the fifth Sunday meeting at Alvord.

Irwin Douglass and wife were guests of the former's mother, Mrs. J. E. Douglass, Sunday.

Mr. John Snider and Mrs. Fannie Disherman of Newark, were married at the home of B. W. Logan Sunday afternoon, Rev. Busby of Ft. Worth officiating.

Mary Hamilton of Weatherford, is visiting friends here.

R. E Leonard, superintendent of the Rhome high school, was confined to his room several days last week on account of "grippe."

Rev. W. A. Bentley will fill his regular appointment at the Christian church the second Sunday, Feb. 13. Choir practice every Friday night. Everybody invited.

PARK SPRINGS

The Mothers' club of this place met last Friday evening at the school auditorium. They had quite a lot of business to transact. After the business had been transacted refreshments were served by Mrs. J. N. James, president of the club.

Miss Essa Caldwell visited her father at Alvord Saturday and Sunday, who was struck by lightening while he was disconnecting the telephone.

There will be a short patriotic program rendered by the pupils of the Park Springs school Feb 22.

J. W. Myers of Chico, was in town Friday on business.

Mrs. J. M. Elliott returned Sunday from Boyd, where she had been visiting friends and relatives the past week.

Jesse Whitsell of Newark, was in town Sunday.

Mr. Cope of Crafton, was in town Friday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Edwards a girl, Sunday, Jan. 30, 1916.

Prof. Roy Richmond had a relapse and his recovery is very doubtful.

Mrs. J. Kahill of Okla., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sanderson, of this place.

Prof. Wright of Newport, was shot last Friday by one of his pupils. He lingered in this world till Sunday. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss.

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HARRISBURG HAS A COPY OF PENN'S CHARTER.

Claim Is That Only Three Were Made and One, as Is Proper, Is in Pennsylvania's State Capital.

Arguments pro and con are being heard for the determination of the location of the genuine, dyed-in-the-wool, original charter which conveyed as a gift to William Penn the lands which since have become known as the state of Pennsylvania. The city of Brotherly Love has heard that there is on exhibition in the city of Father Knickerbocker, along with some other relics of the Quaker founder whose name was latinicized into that of the third state in the Union, what purports to be that original charter. And the investigators declare that what is shown is not the charter, nor a copy of the charter, but merely a copy of a proclamation to the inhabitants and planters of the province of Pennsylvania, which was dated April 2, 1681.

Of each of the official papers connected with the gift of "Penn's Woods" to William Penn there are said to have been three copies made. One copy of each paper was deposited in the Public Record office in London; one was kept by the Penn family in England, and the third was brought to America.

The consequence is that in the state archives of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg there is a copy of the proclamation. In Harrisburg it is said also that the owner of the collection on show in New York is mistaken in thinking that the original charter issued by Charles II for the province is not in that city, for as a matter of fact it is in Harrisburg, and moreover it was copied in facsimile and published by the state in connection with a copy of the Duke of York's laws for his territory, the lands that now constitute the state of Delaware, and which later were deeded to Penn. There is a copy of the charter in the London office as a mater of course.

Rebuilding Johns Hopkins.

What the Johns Hopkins of the past has been is an old story. As a small university it has ever stood for the best in higher learning. Intensive work has always been its aim. That the expansion sure to follow the removal to Homewood will work no change in the ideals vigorously adhered to in the past is made plain by the present plans of the authorities. Hopkins will never be a large university, provision being made for not more than 2,000 students. The class rooms are to be small, accommodating not more than thirty students each, with the understanding that the size of the classes is to remain constant, even if the university reaches the maximum enrollment. The line of demarcation between undergraduate and graduate work is to be sharply drawn in all departments, and the dormitories, which will follow the "quad" system, will not provide room for more than 200 students each. Five years ago Homewood was virtually a wilderness; today it has been laid out according to the best landscape architectural ideas of the day. In another five years, if the money is forthcoming, the new university will probably be compieted.

Rogues' Gallery Movies.

The police department has decided to try the use of moving pictures for the identification of criminals, says the New York Times. Second Deputy Commissioner Lord has been making plans for the installation of a moving picture room at police headquarters. Most policemen agree that the ordinary photograph used in the identification of criminals serves but a poor purpose. Unless the original has some pronounced facial characteristic it is almost impossible to identify him by a photograph.

By taking moving pictures of criminals the police will be enabled to reproduce on the screen all of the criminal's physical characteristics. They will be photographed front view and side view, standing and walking. In this way the police will be able to note the criminal's peculiarity of gait.

Deadly Cotton.

It takes 400 pounds of cotton to make the powder for one shot from the Queen Elizabeth's guns, or from one of the German 17-inch guns. The same quantity of cotton would provide ammunition for 400 shots from a field gun, or 80,000 rounds from a rifle.

Some idea of the consumption of cotton in the war may be had from the fact that 1,000 tons a day are required to supply the German and Austrian armies with powder.

The British cordite consists of two thirds guncotton. The raw material is dipped into nitric acid, washed and dried, and the material thus supplied becomes the base of the explosive.

Guncotton can only be made from raw cotton. Woven cotton is of no use, and any attempt to use it would be dangerous.—Tid Bits.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

For District Judge
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For District Clerk
LORY D. WHITE

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J. L. JEFFRIES
W. B. SPLAWN

For Public Weigher Prec. 1
J. P. DAVENPORT

For City Marshal
C. C. LEWIS.
W. B. EVANS.

This is tree-planting time.

Villa lives and Carranza rules the country!

"The common herd" is shoutin' for Tom Campbell.

Patronize the institutions that are keeping your town on the map.

No, Beatrice, every person who sings praises to Jesus are not following His teachings.

Speaking of taxes, good friend, what'd you pay when T. M. Campbell was your governor?

"They say" Hqerta has arrived at his destination, and his first request included palm leaf fans and ice water.

If the Krum, Bowie, Wichita Falls and Gainesville are "hooked up" to Denton and Dallas by a interurban line—

Theda Barra has been given 'class' and distinction. A Delightful Decatur girl was "accused" of being the screen queen. Come to Decatur!

Tom Campbell is obnoxious to the fellow who holds that those who hold the big end of the world's goods should be classed as "preferred."

President Wilson is touring the middle west in the interest of the preparedness program. Texans are with the president in his fight to protect America.

Senator Charlie Culberson has announced for re-election. The senator is in wretched health and it is believed he will retire from the contest before it goes any length.

We have discovered a new specimen and the Smithsonian institute operator has been called. "It" has stated that oil mills, flour mills and the like are detrimental to the progress of our community.

Billie Geers says there is no market for half dressed chickens. Ever on E-lum, Billie, when the cooling zephyrs from the Trinity were dissipating the mid-night humidity? They say there's "some market."

Chas. Fenwick, a former Wise county citizen, who has been serving the Johnston county, Oklahoma, people as county judge, is now seeking the county attorneyship. The "habit" is on our friend Charles, it seems.

Jacob Wolters was in Washington days this week, and while there he time to hand out an interview he rapped the nail on the ke told 'em that Texas was esident in his prepared- This statement also re Jake hit the nail.

The candidates arrived several weeks ahead of spring. They are here in goodly numbers and the brush will be beaten thoroughly from now 'til the dawn of that sweet day in July. Treat 'em good; they are good fellows.

Talk about the pork barrel at this particular time! Why, if every democrat in congress should delve deep in the funds for the next twenty years, at the expiration of that time the rascally republicans would still be "to the good" billions of dollars.

It has been suggested that the best and most effective way to repel an invasion of this country is to meet the enemy at sea with prayers and sacred songs. The suggestion, according to our calendar, is two thousand three hundred and sixteen years in advance of the times.

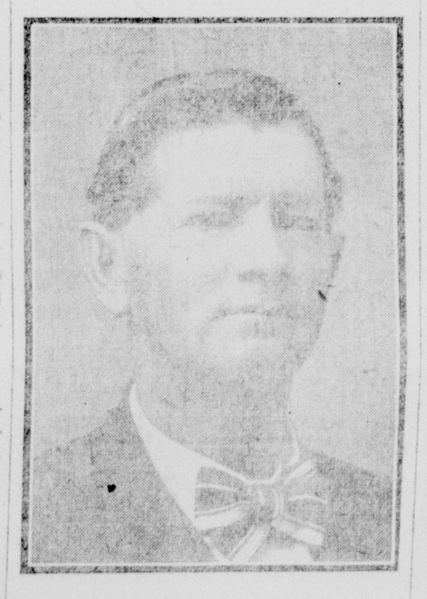
A middle-aged lady was finally engaged to be married. She had false teeth, and hadn't told the man about them. Feeling somewhat guilty she wrote to the editor of a newspaper, asking whether she ought to tell her future husband that she had false teeth. The editor replied, "Get married and keep your mouth shut."

Wonder what our friend, Congressman Stephens, opines when he hears the Texans shout for Wilson and his policies. Too bad, too bad; John H. for the first time in his long official career, declared himself opposed to the Wilson policies, insinuating there was some crookedness in the president's plan—and, oh, my! The plan is popular with the people! Horrors, John H., why did you do it?

The man who holds gold in higher esteem than his God, can wear a path slick to the church door; he can pose and prate about his Maker fifty-two Sundays in the year; he may succeed in foolin' some of the people, and his Sunday work may result in boosting his business; yes— But where's the gain, the profit, coming to the hypocrit when he stands on the brink of eternity and the record unfolds?

James G. Wright, a school teacher of Newport, in Clay county, was wounded Friday by a pupil during a dispute over an examination paper, died at his home Sunday afternoon. J. Wilson, 17, who was arrested immediately following the shooting was remanded to jail. It is stated that Wright, before dying, requested that the boy be not punished. The dispute is said to have started when Wilson's examination paper was questioned by Wright. Prof. Wright was a former citizen of Wise county, teaching school at Alvord. He had many friends in that section.

Splawn Candidate for Re-election



W. B. SPLAWN

Mr. W. B. Splawn, serving his first term as commissioner of precincts 1 and 6, announces in today's Messenger as a candidate for re-election. Mr. Splawn needs no introduction at the hands of the Messenger. He has been a citizen of this and the Greenwood communities for a long number of years. He is an honest, capable man, and as a commissioner his record is an open book to the voters, and upon that record he asks the support of the people.

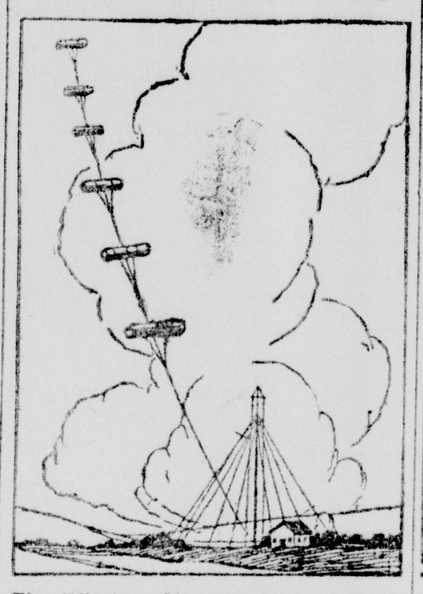
MESSAGES GO FAR

Range of Wireless Aerial Materially Increased.

Successful Experiments Have Shown Possibilities That Have Given Great Encouragement to Those Undertaking Them.

A series of remarkably successful and interesting experiments were conducted by the United States Signal corps at the recent maneuvers in Massachusetts in maintaining a wireless aerial by means of box kites and thereby increasing the efficiency of an ordinary field wireless outfit from 6 to 16 times. The tests were conducted by Samuel F. Perkins, a maker and flyer of man-lifting kites.

Favorable strong and steady winds, says the Scientific American, in reporting the experiment, enabled Mr. Perkins to send up a string of kites to an altitude of 1,600 feet. Messages



The Wireless May Be Sent to Great Altitudes With Kites.

transmitted from the set of field wireless attached to this kite-supported aerial were received 150 miles away with distinctness, although the ordinary range of the set was only 25 miles. One thing that aided materially in obtaining this result was the fact that the kites flew so steadily that the aerial was always maintained at a constant altitude.

Quite as remarkable as the sending power of the wireless was its receiving quality. Messages were received with distinctness from the battleship Georgia while off Newport and from the government station at Arlington, Va., and Bermuda.

These experiments were but the first of a long series that will be conducted, and it is the belief of those who are interested in the matter that they will lead to a system by which the range of the ordinary field wireless will be materially increased. United States government and Marconi officials are following the experiments closely.

Tremendous Waste of Energy.

With reference to the immense loss in wealth occasioned by the war, Theodore H. Price in World's Work says:

"There is hardly a man who works up to the limit of his capacity. There are millions who try to do as little work as possible. The waste even in the most scientifically conducted industries is enormous, and there is an immense amount of energy generated that is not utilized at all.

"It has been jokingly said that the collective energy of the baby's cry would run the railroads of New York state if it could be conserved, and when we consider that only 15 per cent of the energy of coal is utilized, that the unharnessed water power of the United States represents millions of horse power going to waste, and that probably less than 5 per cent of the available human energy in the world is productively employed, we must admit that a very slight increase in industry or efficiency will recover an enormous loss of wealth."

Answered Call of World.

Emile Verhaeren, the Belgian poet might have been a priest, but decided that his wild nature could not be clamped within cloister walls. As a youth he attended the Jesuit college of Sainte-Barbe at Ghent. There he met Maeterlinck. The fathers would have saved their young pupils from the world by making them priests, and endeavored to inspire in them a profound respect for the past, with a hatred of all innovation. After the school at Sainte-Barbe, Verhaeren studied law at Louvain. Admitted to the bar at Brussels, he joined a coterie of young artists, and, like Gautier, he won a name for shocking the bourgeois by fantastic freaks of dress and conduct. The muse called, and the law was deserted.

Power in Japan.

The great dictator in the legal administration of Japan is not the minister of justice or the chief judge of the court of cassation, but the chief general public prosecutor of the supreme court, Kichiro Hiranuma, Hogaku-hakushi. Doctor Hiranuma is the strength and embodiment of the procuratorial system as it works in Japan today. He is a man of fifty, has been an official of the department of justice since 1888, and in 1912 was appointed chief procurator. No man's word carries greater weight in the courts of Japan.

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The second Pan-American Scientific congress brought to Washington many of the noted beauties of the South American republics. The one in the picture is Mme. Victor de Maurtua, wife of the delegate from Peru.

"STIFF FINGERS" INHERITED

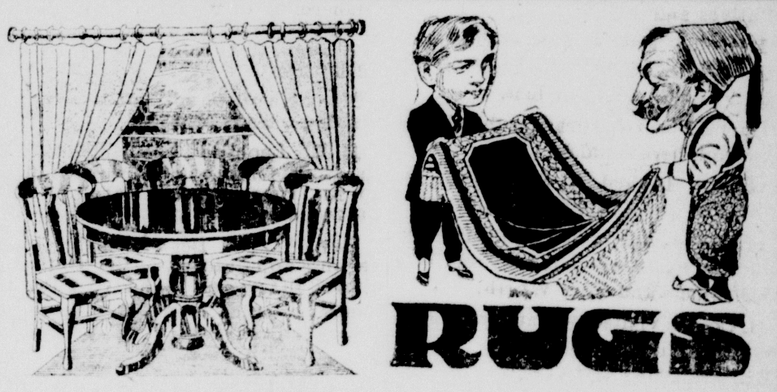
Boston Doctor Finds Family Where Malformation Has Run for Many Years.

Boston.—In the recent proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences Doctor Cushing of the Harvard Medical school and the Peter Bent Brigham hospital, Boston, announced to the academy some results he has found in studying the heredity of "stiff fingers," a type of malformation of the hands or feet.

He has studied the history of a family which migrated from Scotland to Virginia in 1700, and has found that "stiff fingers" are hereditary with the regularity which is expected in certain traits.

Of the more than three hundred descendants of the Scotch immigrant about 25 per cent had "stiff fingers." In families in which neither parent was affected the children were not affected. In families in which one parent, either mother or father, was affected, about half of the children were affected with the malformation.

An educational survey will be made in Wise county, beginning Monday, March 13, and ending at Decatur on Saturday, 18th of March. The lectures and meetings will be held at the following places: Joe Bailey, March 13; Boyd, 13, 7 p. m.; Garvin, 14; Cottondale, 14, 7 p. m.; Draco, 15; Boonsville, 15, 7 p. m.; Balsora, 16; Bridgeport, 16, 7 p. m.; West Academy, 17; Decatur, 18, courthouse, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.



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PLAINVIEW, DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS, 13TH DISTRICT. JULY PRIMARIES.

PRESS COMMENTS

With a marked degree of interest, we have been watching the progress of Reuben M. Ellerd's campaign for Congress, and with pleasure here reproduce editorial expressions which followed his recent tour of a large portion of the district, and we gladly underwrite the good things said of him by the brethren of the press, for indeed he is worthy of their compliments and favorable mention. While comparatively a young man, forty-three, yet he is fully matured, is a good lawyer, a good business man, and schooled under the heavy hand of adversity; he is strong and his sympathies for the struggling masses are deep and sure. We know him and unhesitatingly commend him as a safe man and one that will remain true to the trust of the people.—**Lockney Beacon.**

Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd, candidate for congress, 13th district, is young, able, fearless, and in the matter of energy is a human dynamo, and what is more, he is about 99 per cent right on all public questions. He made one of the ablest and most successful district attorneys the West has ever had. He didn't persecute neither did he cower or relent when it came to prosecuting. You can't scare, nor buy him, and there are all kinds of more agreeable pastimes than trying to run over him. He is for preparedness, but against militaryism. If every district in the state would elect a Reuben M. Ellerd to the next Congress, there would certainly be no dummies on [illegible] from Texas.—**Plains Producer.**

[illegible] Reuben M. Ellerd of Plainview was in Spur Tuesday and addressed the people on the streets in opening his campaign here for the position of Congressman of this District. He is well known in this section, having served as District Attorney of this district a number of years. He advocates the establishment of a Merchant Marine to further the nation's commercial interests.—**The Texas Spur.**

Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd of Plainview, candidate for Congress from the 13th Congressional District, was here last Thursday and Friday and spoke in the district court room Thursday night. He outlined his platform, which will, indeed, appeal to the voters. Mr. Ellerd is a brilliant man, having been in the law practice for many years. He was once district attorney of this district and has many friends over the country.—**Paducah Post.**

Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd, a former citizen of this county, and who is now a candidate for Congress from this district spoke in this city Saturday afternoon to a large audience and was frequently applauded on his points of party fealty. Mr. Ellerd is pleasant as well as forceful speaker and passed a number of appreciated compliments on Knox County and her people, before entering into the political discussion. Mr. Ellerd is not an old school politician, but an alert and energetic son of the progressive West and has been a persistent pupil in the study of our problems and the best methods of solving them. He is heartily in accord with the spirit of the people he aspires to represent in that branch of the national government. He began life as a poor boy and by close application has gained a thorough knowledge of the science and principles of law, and would, if elected, we believe, become a close guardian of the people's rights and a servant of which they could be justly proud. He is opposed to war and would never be foremost in casting a vote on the side of munitions unless he foresaw a grave danger to this nation.—**Knox County News.**

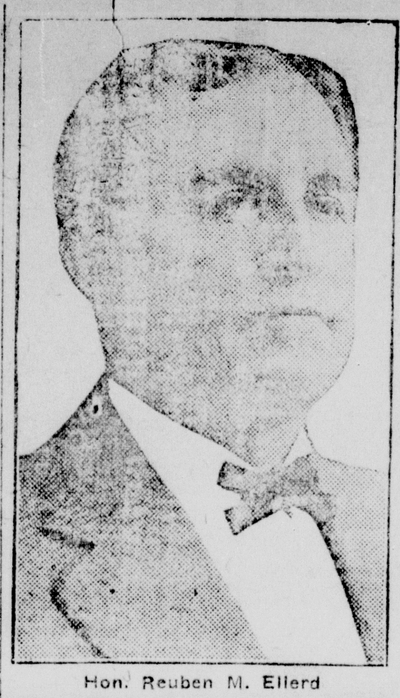
Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd candidate for Congress from this district, was here the first of the week. Mr. Ellerd formerly lived in Knox County and has lots of old-time friends here who were glad to meet him. He spoke on the subject of "Peace," a non-political address, at Vera Sunday night. All church services gave way for the address, and one of the largest crowds was in attendance which that little city has ever assembled together. Monday night Mr. Ellerd spoke at the court house. He met a number of our people and Tuesday morning spoke at the school building on the subject of education. It was a very able address and complimented very much by the faculty and students.—**Baylor County Banner.**

Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd, accompanied by his sister, Miss Lillie, visited our city this week in the interest of his campaign for Congress. His speech to the voters was well received and his address to the school was enjoyed by all. The writer has known Mr. Ellerd for some ten years and knows him to be worthy of the honors he seeks.—**Olney Enterprise.**

Reuben M. Ellerd of Plainview spoke here Wednesday in the interest of his candidacy for Congress. He is a brilliant and popular man.—**Archer County News.**

Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd, of Plainview, candidate for Congress in opposition to our present congressman, was in Nocona last week and made a fine impression on our people. He spoke to an attentive crowd in the Electric Theatre Friday night and proved himself to be an interesting speaker. Mr. Ellerd expressed himself as being opposed to a great navy and standing army, which seemed to please the voters very much. He is making a campaign of the entire district and tells us that he is gratified at the reception that is being accorded him.—**Nocona Times Post.**

Reuben M. Ellerd of Plainview made an address to a large crowd on the street of Sunset last Saturday afternoon. His speech was close to the point on the most important questions that Congressmen have to deal with. He was given close attention and his speech evidently made a favorable impression upon his audience. He expressed himself as being opposed to



Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd

a great navy and standing army. Mr. Ellerd, while only 43, has had a wide experience both in business, the practice of law and politics.—**Sunset Signal.**

Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd, candidate for Congress from this district, addressed a large crowd of people on the public square in Saint Jo last Saturday afternoon. His speech was plain and direct to the point on the most important questions that congressmen have to deal with. He was given very close attention and his speech evidently made a favorable impression upon his audience. While Mr. Ellerd has resided in West Texas for a good many years, he is not altogether a stranger in this portion of the state. His father formerly lived in the Tyler Bluff neighborhood about four miles northeast of Saint Jo, and he had the pleasure of meeting quite a number of his old friends of boyhood days while here.—**Saint Joe Tribune.**

Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd spoke here Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. At the conclusion of his speech he was invited to address the school children at the Auditorium and his talk along educational lines was helpful and much appreciated by everyone. Two readings by Miss Lillie Ellerd, who accompanied her brother, were highly entertaining and greatly enjoyed.—**Valley View Sun.**

Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd was a Nocona visitor last Friday and Saturday, meeting and getting asquainted with the voters. Friday evening, before the picture show, he addressed a large audience at the Electric Theatre and was given a careful hearing. Mr. Ellerd, while only 43, has had a wide experience, both in business, in the practice of law and in politics, and impresses us as being what we might term a "live wire."—**Nocona News.**

Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd is a candidate for Congress for the 13th District. He is a man of high ideals, noble purposes, clean life, religious principles and consecrated to the welfare of his country and to the uplift of humanity. The people who know him best give him the best name both as a good citizen and a man capable of executing his ideals, should he be chosen to fill the place of his ambition.—**Sanger Courier.**

One of the early entries in the race for Congress is the Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd of Plainview. Mr. Ellerd is a prominent lawyer, and being a believer in rotation in office, is opposing the present incumbent, an office holder of twenty years. Mr. Ellerd has spoken in a goodly number of towns and is running on a clean platform without resorting to mud-slinging tactics. A friend of the people.—**The Kirkland American.**

Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd was a very pleasant caller at the Tribune office today. Mr Ellerd is a lawyer of ability and is well and favorably known throughout the district. He made a fine talk to the High School children here Friday.—**Justin Tribune.**

Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd, candidate for Congress from this district, spoke in the interest of his candidacy to a large audience of men on the streets of our city yesterday afternoon and made a splendid impression. Mr. Ellerd also made a speech on Odd Fellowship at the Rebecah and Odd Fellow banquet last night.—**Wichita Searchlight.**

Friday afternoon Judge Reuben M. Ellerd arrived in Childress and spent a short time here meeting the voters. Having addressed the Childress people here at the county fair, it was not his intention to make another speech here at this time. However, he was urged by some of the voters to do so, and made a short talk to a goodly crowd on the street. Judge Ellerd stated that he had already spoken in forty-two places, mostly in the southern and eastern parts of the district and that he was meeting with excellent encouragement whereever he has gone. His Childress speech was well spoken of by those who heard same, and there seems no doubt he already has a good voting strength in Childress County. Judge Ellerd intends to place a copy of his platform in every voter's hands in this great district and he also intends to visit every town, city and hamlet throughout the whole country. The Judge and his Secretary, who is his sister, Miss Lillie Ellerd, are touring the country in an auto and expect to put in all the time necessary to make a thorough campaign. Miss Ellerd is a most agreeable young lady of refined, cultured personality and is taking readily to the ways of the political game. She makes many friends for her brother as they go about over the country and says she enjoys the work quite well. She will be worth many thousands of votes to her brother.—**Childress Post.**

Hon. R. M. Ellerd, candidate for Congress, spoke to a good size crowd of voters on the streets of Clarendon last Friday. He made a splendid impression and will be here again during the campaign. His sister, who is also his secretary, accompanied him here.—**Clarendon News.**

Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd of Plainview was in the city several days this week, meeting the voters and running across old friends here and there. Mr. Ellerd is a man of strong personalities, and his friends say he is handsomely equipped for the discharge of his duties as congressman. He is a self-made man, and for many years has been a prominent figure in the big affairs of north west Texas.—**Wise County Messenger.**

Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd of Plainview, Texas, was here Saturday night making a speech in the interest of his candidacy for Congress. Mr. Ellerd grew to manhood and embarked in the practice of law in Knox County, having served the county in the capacity of County Attorney, after which he was elected to the office of District Attorney from this county. His speech was well received, and many old time acquaintances renewed. Mr. Ellerd went from here to Goree, Bomarton and Seymour.—**Munday Times.**

Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd and sister of Plainview passed through our city Tuesday stopping for a short while during which time Mr. Ellerd made a political speech on the street placing his views before our citizens. A portion of his platform is "Equal rights and complete justice for all men in all stations of life." He has quite a notable career as a very successful lawyer and has made a success of practically every undertaking in life, always aspiring for something higher. He has quite a wide acquaintance in Archer County and received a hearty welcome at Megargel.—**Megargel Enterprise.**

We are personally acquainted with Mr. Ellerd and think he is an upright, honorable and capable man, and if chosen by the people to fill the position to which he aspires we think he will conduct himself creditably and be of much benefit to the people of this district.—**Ochiltree News.**

Honorable Reuben M. Ellerd, of Plainview was here on business Wednesday. Mr. Ellerd is a candidate for Congress and is making a close canvass of the district. He is a man of strong mental and physical ability. Whatever he attempts to do, he does it thorough. His friends claim that he never tires of working for the best interests of his clients and that if he is elected the entire district will have an advocate of our interests. We need such men in Congress and if Reuben Ellerd is such as his oldest acquaintances claim for him, we would make no mistake in sending him there.—**Roaring Springs Echo.**

Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd and sister, Miss Lillie, returned Saturday from a speaking trip over the district as far down as Cooke and Denton Counties. They made the trip in their car and Mr. Ellerd filled all of his speaking dates, making more than fifty speeches while away. He also distributed some thirteen thousand cards and much other literature. He is highly elated over the reception accorded him at all the places he visited and the promises of support given him. He feels that his campaign is progressing very satisfactorily.—**Plainview News.**

The Cainsville Signal, on July 6th, after discussing other items on the program said: "Hon. W. L. Blanton introduced Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd of Plainview, candidate for Congress, but as the hour was growing toward evening, Mr. Ellerd announced that he would reserve his speech till Tuesday, which he did, and on Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock he spoke to a large audience who were delighted with his oratory and impressed with his ability. Mr. Ellerd is one of the ablest lawyers of the plains country and is making a hard fight for a seat in Congress.

Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd, the popular democratic candidate for Congress from the jumbo district of Texas, returned a few days ago to his home at Plainview from an extended tour through the eastern portion of the district. Judge Ellerd is well pleased with the reception given him in every town and city visited. And judging from the newspaper reports he has made a most favorable impression. He renewed the good feelings of a great many friends of former days and formed the acquaintance of thousands of voters who will take pleasure in supporting him for Congress. He was accompanied on this trip by his sister, Miss Lillie, a most worthy, talented and accomplished young woman. Judge Ellerd has scores of friends who are active and untiring in their devotion to him and his candidacy.—**Tulia Herald.**

What The Ministers Say

We, the pastors and ministers of Plainview, gladly and unreservedly endorse the candidacy of the Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd for Congress, and commend him as a safe, sure friend of the people. A man of high ideals, clean life and religious principles—strong and determined, yet with a tender conscience and sympathetic nature.

He believes in God and his fellow man, loves light, truth and justice and abhors oppression, gladly granting to others every right, social, civil, religious, political and personal that he claims for himself. He believes thoroughly in the great doctrine of public service for public good and not private gain.

The people of Hale and adjoining counties appreciate his splendid ability, manhood and orderly life, and we predict for him in the coming primary election one of the largest votes here ever cast for any man with an opponent, and his election to the office he seeks.

I. E. GATES, Pastor Plainview Baptist Church.
O. L. HAILEY, President Wayland Baptist College
T. B. HAYNIE, Pastor Presbyterian Church
J. W. STORY, Pastor M. E. Church
W. B. DAVIS, Baptist Associational Missionary
J. W. SAFFLE, Pastor Lockney and Petersburg Baptist Churches
B. M. JOHNSON, President Seth Ward College
A. L. MOORE, Methodist Presiding Elder, Plainview District

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The great question now being considered by the American people, should not be treated as a partizan issue, but as a vital matter in which every citizen is interested.

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BUSINESS REASONS

By KEITH KENYON.

"Evidently Jack Elliott is getting serious in his attentions to that old brewer's young widow," said Mrs. Morehouse as she looked out from her comfortable porch rocker across the golf links where Jack and young Mrs. Ward were approaching the clubhouse.

"It does look that way," replied Mrs. Atwater, between sips of tea, "and just as everybody had concluded that he and Dorothy Winters would make a match of it."

"Some say the widow's fortune looks good to Jack; but I wonder what Dorothy thinks of it?" Knowing that Mrs. Atwater was on cordial terms with the rather exclusive Winters family, Mrs. Morehouse hoped to glean some interesting details.

"I'm sure I don't know," said Mrs. Atwater shortly. "I notice her out with Chester Hill a lot lately."

"So far as fortunes go, Chester's will more than equal Mrs. Ward's, I suppose. Why, bless my soul"—and Mrs. Morehouse opened her narrow eyes to their limit—"if there isn't Dorothy this minute with Chester in his new car!"

A moment later a slender, auburn-haired girl in a brown corduroy suit and a soft hat came swinging easily up the porch steps, and beside her puffed a fat, florid man of perhaps forty, dressed in faultlessly tailored motoring togs. They gave a nod of greeting to the two observant women and passed around to the other side of the porch.

Until a month before that, Jack and Dorothy had been together so often and were so obviously happy when together that an engagement had been expected as a natural outcome, but one evening when he was to escort her to a dinner dance at an exclusive club she received at the last minute a brief note from him telling that an annoying business associate had made it impossible to get away without giving offense that would endanger his hard-earned chances of being taken into the firm. He was sending Larry Morton to take care of Dorothy that evening, and he begged her to accept his abbreviated explanation and his willing substitute until he could arrive and explain in full. But the evening had passed without his arrival.

Percy Anson shook a plump, pink finger at Dorothy as she passed out of the dressing room on her way home, and whispered something about the necessity of her keeping a watch on Jack Elliott, whom he had seen at the Dinsmore hotel at six o'clock with a "ripping sort of blonde woman." Dorothy blushingly wondered whether anyone who heard that stage whisper knew of Jack sending a substitute to take his place as her escort that evening, but just then good-natured Larry came and gently pushed her along to the waiting taxicab. She tried to be cordial as they drove home, but bare civility was all she could accomplish, for her mind was busy trying to reconcile Jack's explanatory note, which had not explained, with the chance impertinence of Percy Anson, which had explained. Larry had to hurry away to catch a train for a business trip south, which was agreeable to Dorothy, who longed to be left alone.

After she went to bed she planned one minute to avoid meeting Jack to give him an opportunity to simplify his false explanation, and the next minute she reproached herself for letting a foolish remark from a gossipy clubman make her doubt that some good explanation would be given for what unquestionably did look bad. Then she reflected that Jack's failure to come before the end of the dance, as he had intimated he would, might mean that his full explanation would not be forthcoming. After an almost sleepless night she went down to breakfast with a gloomy determination to be perfectly indifferent to any explanation Jack might make. Which meant that she was going to be unreasonable, no matter what his explanation.

At nine o'clock the telephone rang. Although Dorothy sat almost within reach of it, and although she felt sure that Jack was at the other end of the wire, she sat apparently absorbed in the morning paper while the maid answered the call and informed her that it was for her.

"Good morning, Merry Sunshine!" called Jack, not aware of the clouded atmosphere he was trying to penetrate. "Am I going to be forgiven for my sins of omission?"

"Good morning," answered a coldly calm voice. "Have I had the full explanation of your sins of omission?"

"Ready, Dot," pleaded Jack, "there are a lot of people in earshot, which makes it awkward to explain in full. Can't I come out this evening and do that?"

"I'm dining out this evening," she replied coldly, "but I happened to hear enough last night to know that there is a good deal to explain; so much in fact, that it will be quite satisfactory to me if you postpone the explanation indefinitely."

"Well, that won't be satisfactory to me," retorted Jack, "and it's not fair to deny me an opportunity to explain. You certainly know, Dorothy, how much it means to me—to us. I had hoped—to have me get into the firm, and—"

"Indeed, I'd have to take a great deal for granted to say that I know all that, but I must remind you that you are taking things for granted, and if there are so many people in earshot, the sooner this conversation ends the better."

The conversation ended abruptly after that, and Jack dug into his desk with such ferocity that two stenographers were kept going at a breakneck speed all day. Dorothy went out in the back yard and personally supervised the resetting of tulip bulbs until noon, and after noon she slept to make up for the sleeplessness of the night before. That evening, as she went into the big dining room of the Leicester hotel with the Dunstans and Chester Hill, she saw Jack among a dinner party of six, which included a strange blonde woman, who was identified by Mrs. Dunstan as the young widow of Hiram Ward, the brewer.

The interest of Dorothy and Chester Hill in each other had seemed to grow steadily since that evening, and Jack's apparent interest in the young widow had kept pretty good pace with theirs, so that on the day they all appeared on the country clubhouse porch, Dorothy and Jack had drifted well apart, without a full explanation having been given her. She knew that she had intentionally made it impossible for Jack to explain fully, yet she felt hurt at his failure to do so; he knew that so long as his explanation was withheld she was justified in thinking him a detestable cad, yet he was so angered at her arrogant manner toward him and her acceptance of Chester Hill's attentions that he delayed his explanation.

It remained for fatuous Percy Anson, who had unwittingly caused the trouble, to set things right. Just as Chester Hill was called to the telephone, Percy came along the porch arm in arm with grouchy Henry Ardmore, head of the firm of brokers to which Jack had long sought admission as a member of the partnership. At the same time Jack and Mrs. Ward came up the front steps, and, without knowing of Dorothy's presence, went around to that side of the porch.

"Heigho, Mrs. Ward," called Percy, and "Hello, Jack! Congratulations, old boy! Ardmore has just been telling me about your adoption into the firm. A well-merited compliment, I have no doubt." And Percy laughed heartily at his little joke.

"By the way, Elliott," said Ardmore bluntly, "my sister writes me that you are all sorts of a brick; says her husband is trying to get well fast lest she begin scheming to get you for her second husband." Then, turning to Mrs. Ward, he added in explanation: "My sister was compelled to be here several hours between trains a month or so ago on her way to some jumping-off place where her husband had been injured in a railroad wreck, and as I was laid up with the grip Elliott was good enough to help me out by taking care of her until her train left."

"And he didn't tell me a thing about it at all," pouted Mrs. Ward smilingly.

"He didn't have to tell me, for I can prove by Dorothy that I told her about seeing him at the Dinsmore with a stunning blonde. Eh, Dorothy?" The smiling Percy blandly drew Dorothy into the conversation.

"Now, Percy, don't expect me to remember all the things you ever told me confidentially." Although Dorothy laughed lightly and looked straight at Percy as she replied, she gave to Jack the fleeting end of a glance into which she put an expression of such penitent understanding that he knew the blundering Percy had brought about the explanation so long delayed and so naturally supplied by Dorothy's imagination. Somehow, in going into the clubhouse a moment later to see a newly decorated room which Chester Hill called to them to come and admire, Ardmore led the way, followed by Percy and the widow, leaving Dorothy and Jack together in the rear.

"Dorothy, I know I don't deserve to be forgiven for delaying an explanation you were entitled to a month ago, but—"

"But because I listened to Percy's gossip and wouldn't listen to your attempted explanation, I didn't deserve to know the truth." Dorothy looked away before she blushingly added: "Then, of course, when I saw you so often with Mrs. Ward, I thought she was the blonde he had seen you with."

"And I suppose you thought her millions had lured me, just as I was beginning to think Chester Hill's had lured you. Dearest, we don't want to see those old decorations; let's stay out here and see the sunset." But if they saw much of the sunset they must have seen it reflected in each other's eyes, for they seemed to find nothing of interest anywhere else.

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Some Facts About Limestone.

A ton of absolutely pure limestone would burn to a little over half its weight of lime, or about 1,120 pounds, which, counting 80 pounds to the bushel, would give 14 bushels of lime to a ton. The weight of the burned product, however, generally averages more than this, owing to impurities in the limestone, and also because in ordinary kilns the combustion is not complete enough to drive off all the carbon dioxide.

A cubic foot of limestone averages in weight from 145 to 175 pounds, which would make a ton of limestone contain from eleven to fourteen cubic feet.

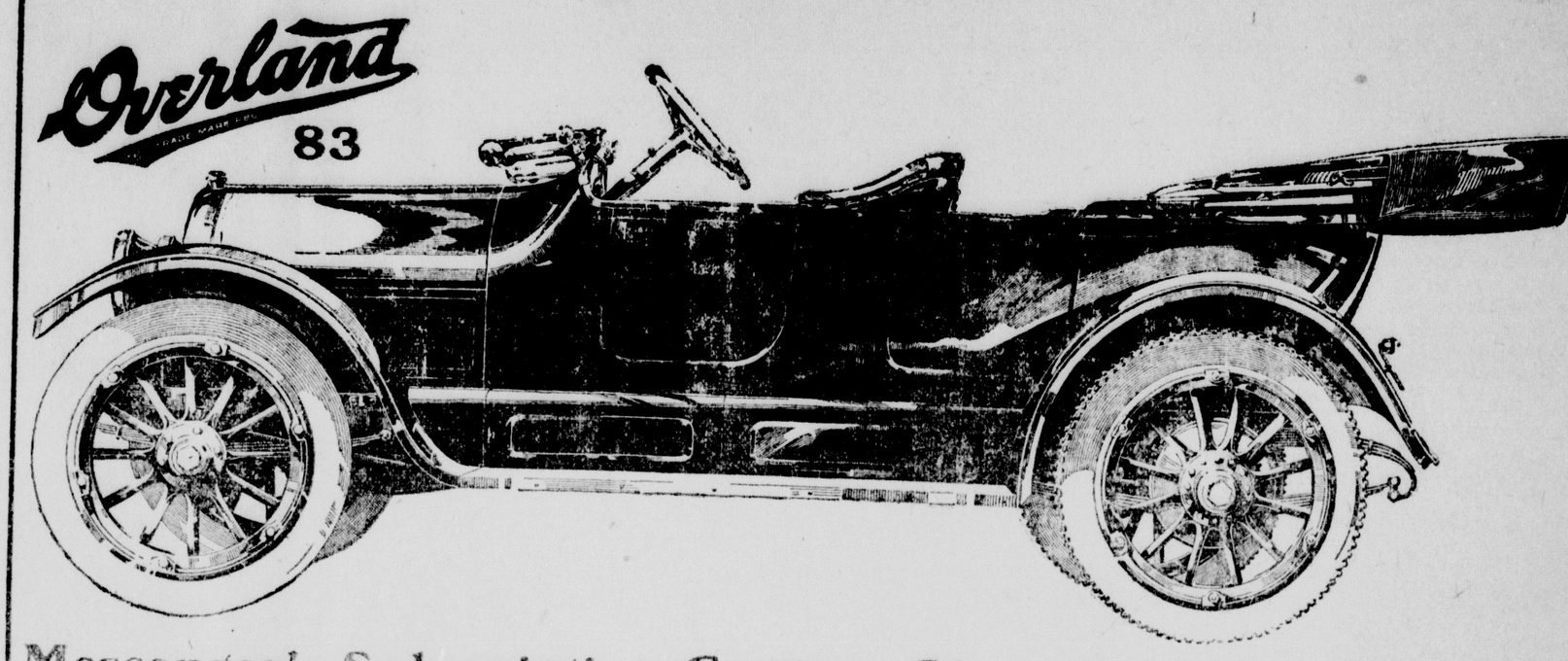
Too Much for Him.

Gyer—A friend of mine who makes moving pictures bumped up against his first failure last week.

Myer—How was that?

Gyer—He tried to make a moving picture of two old men playing a game of chess in a village store.

The Capital Prize



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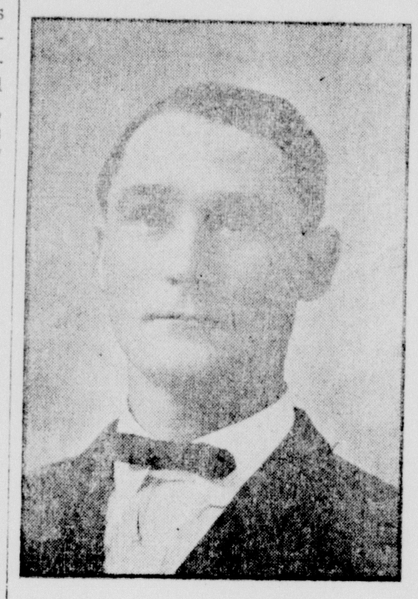
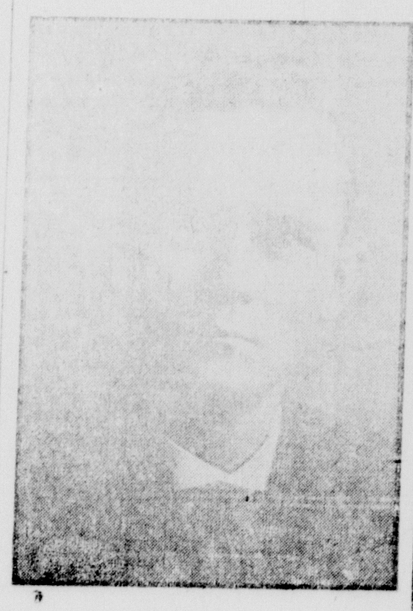
Announces for Second Term



J. LEE MANN

J. Lee Mann requests the Messenger to announce to the voters of Wise county that he is a candidate for re-election as sheriff. In Messenger's opinion Lee Mann has made A1 officer and is deserving of re-election. That he has done his duty goes without saying. He is an honest, upright man; capable, and during his term of office he has done good and efficient work. As predicted by the Messenger, when Lee took the oath of office, he "has made good." His old daddy, Col. Bill Mann, in the years past made Wise county one of the best officers this county ever had, and when the son was elected this paper stated that being "a chip of the old block" Wise county would boast a good sheriff in Lee Mann. Courteous, affable, and a gentleman at all times, Messenger claims that J. Lee Mann is entitled to re-election. He will doubtless have no opposition.

Shults Out for County Attorney



WILL SHULTS

Former County Attorney Will C. Shults says for the Messenger to announce to its readers that he is a candidate for county attorney. Mr. Shults served one term in the office and the record he made during that time is open to the people. He is a close student of the law, a fearless prosecutor and a man of the highest integrity. He came to Decatur from the Chico country, where he lived on a farm until he started in to master the law and make his way in the profession. He will appreciate your support in the coming primary contest

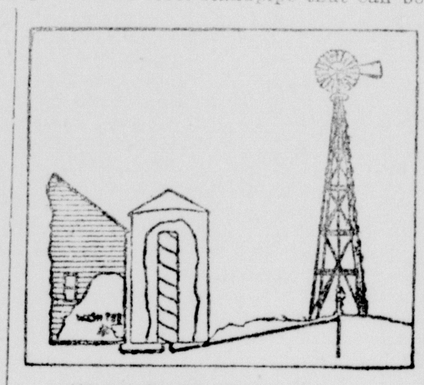
On Saturday Feb. 5, a Hebrew will be in Decatur who will exchange silver dollars for 50 cents. Watch for further announcements. The unheard-of may be expected.—Adv.

PUMPING WATER MADE EASY

Several Ingenious Devices Recently Put on Market—One is Galvanized Steel Standpipe.

Pumping and carrying water are two of the most time-consuming farm tasks. They are done in hundreds of different ways, most of them tedious.

Several ingenious devices have lately appeared that offer relief. One is a galvanized steel standpipe that can be



Water Supply Arrangement.

installed in the barn or any building that will protect it from frost in winter. An excellent place is in the middle of the silo, where the heat of the silage will keep it warm. This tank is made 20 feet high and from two to three feet in diameter. The two-foot size holds 14 barrels and the three-foot holds 33 barrels.

This standpipe was originally intended for use with windmills, but a gas engine or any other convenient power can be used.

Another interesting water-supply help for use with electric motors is a basement pressure tank filled with a motor-operated pump. The starting and stopping of the electric motor is automatically controlled by the air pressure in the tank.—Farm and Fireside.

DAIRY COWS DURING WINTER

Winter Milk Will Bring Farmer About One-Third More Per Quart Than During Summer Season.

The production of milk is now quite a different proposition from what it was in summer. Winter milk will generally bring the farmer about one-third more per quart than in summer. To offset this, it costs a lot more to produce it. Winter milk can be produced at a profit where the producer is as far away as 200 miles from market, but to do it the producer cannot go at it in a haphazard, slipshod way. He must thoroughly inform himself as to the actual cost of milk. He must keep a correct account of each item expended. There must be charged against the cow the amount of hay, silage, roots and feed she consumes, at the fair market value. Each cow should be credited with the amount of milk she produces, at market prices, and then feed and care for the cows, so as to have the balance on the right side of the ledger.

PREPARE CORN FOR PLANTING

Uniformity in Shape and Size of Kernels Necessary for Accurate Work of the Planter.

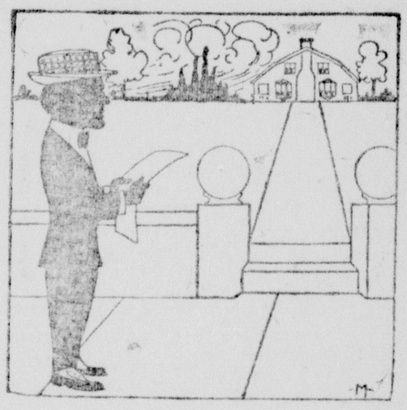
It is best to shell seed corn by hand. The tip and butt grains should be discarded, since uniformity in shape and size of the kernels is necessary for accurate work of the planter.

To still further increase the efficiency of the planter, it is well to select ears that are uniform in size and shape of kernel.

The planter should be adjusted to each grade or size of kernels to insure an even stand in the field, since this is one of the most important factors in the production of a large yield.—Ohio Agricultural College.

Not Injurious to Trees.

Prof. H. A. Surface says the use of pure white lead and linseed oil for borers and mice will not injure the trees



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...ULD HAVE GAME REFUGE

...Writer Tells of Remarkable Possibilities of the Gatun Lake Region for the Purpose.

...hile there is little likelihood of ...y species (of fauna) living within ...e jungle becoming extinct, it would ...equire but little effort to make the ...atun Lake region a wonderful out...door zoological garden that would ...prove almost as interesting to visitors as the game refuges along the government railroad in British East Africa.

While breakfasting on the houseboat a strange, uncouth sound came from the hills to the west, rising and falling in a torrent of guttural notes. It was the first greeting of the "black howler," the largest of the South American monkeys, whose uproarious conduct, whether in tribal conversation, in protestation against man or the weather, was a source of astonishment thereafter.

My friend Fuertes, the bird artist and naturalist, whose mimicry of bird notes is quite equal to the fidelity of his brush, declares that the noise of the "howler" is by far the most striking sound in the American tropics, being "a deep, throaty, bass roar, with something of the quality of grunting pigs or of the barking bellow of a bull alligator or an ostrich. The noise was as loud as the full-throated roaring of lions, and its marvelous carrying power was frequently attested when we heard it from the far side of some great Andean valley.

It is a popular belief on the isthmus that the "black howler" is an infallible weather prophet, and especially so in predicting a shower.

So far as we could discover, it was ...when the clouds blackened over...nd the first preliminary drops ... fall that this prognosticator ...d it safe to commit himself ... forecast.—George Shiras III, in National Geographic Magazine.

Cases of Longevity.

Of the oldest living people at the present time is Captain Diamond, who has just completed his one hundred and nineteenth year. He is to be mentioned first on account of an extraordinary lissomeness. He directs a gymnastical institute in California. In Germany there exists a woman, widow of a clergyman, named Duckiwicki, in Posen, who has reached her one hundred and thirty-first year. But she is very stiff. The Russian subofficer Budnihow has celebrated his one hundred and thirty-third birthday anniversary. In 1812 he fought against Napoleon. A Russian in Tomsk is aged one hundred and forty-six years. He must be the oldest man alive. Franz Drachenberg, a Norwegian, now dead, attained the age of one hundred and forty-six. An English farmer named Thomas Parr, who died in 1635, ...ed one hundred and fifty-two years. ... had lived under ten English rul... ... Surrington, who died in ...97 in Bergen, was one hundred and ...xty years old, and had two sons, the ...e son one hundred and three years ...ld and the youngest nine years of ...ge. An Englishman named Jenkins died in 1670, at the age of one hundred and sixty-nine, and when he had reached one hundred years was still a champion swimmer. At one time he had to appear in court to testify concerning something that had taken place one hundred and forty years before. He left two sons, who reached the respective ages of one hundred ...d two and one hundred years. ...mas Carn, an Englishman, reached ...ge of two hundred and seven ... Methuselah, as we all know, is said to have reached the age of nine hundred and sixty-nine years!—Continental News.

Marrying Off the "Broken Heroes."

A League for the Marrying of Broken Heroes has been formed in England, and its founder, a Bristol clergyman, is hunting for women who are prepared to take "broken heroes" to their hearts. There is a sharp division of opinion on this interesting human problem among women who lead various "movements." Sylvia Pankhurst says, "Marriages ought to be made in heaven. I don't think the league will serve any useful purpose." Lady Limerick, on the other hand, finds the idea "splendid," and believes that the "utter darkness of these lives can be dispelled only by a woman's love." The Marchioness of Townshend calls the plan "ridiculous" and "would not think much of a girl who joined the league." Lady Byron, however, is in favor of it and thinks "it might be carried out in all classes of society." We do not know yet what the "heroes" think.—Harper's Bazar.

Leech Trade Killed by War.

The war in Europe has killed the business of catching and selling leeches. France used to be the great ...ket for these blood-sucking worms, ... recent years ...most of them have ... from Hungary, Croatia, Dalma... ...d Turkey. The greatest consum...were America and England. Now ...es can no longer be shipped from ... places, and England is getting ...es from India. At the same time ...ors are using more modern meth... of drawing blood from inflamed ...s of the body.

The Preliminaries.

"...ear a great deal about politi...rment," said the inquisitive ...

"... The papers are full of ...d the practical politician. ...at is meant by that?"

"...s a tremendous amount of ... and the most astonishing ...ymnastics on the part of ...son preferred."

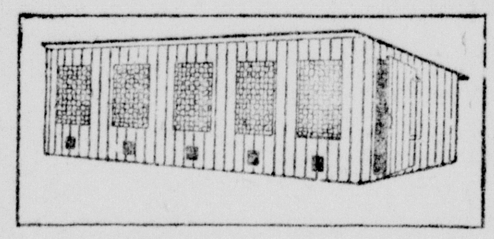
COMFORT FOR LAYERS

Building Constructed After Years of Careful Planning.

Inside of House Is Whitewashed and Is Cozy During Severe Weather in Winter—Hens Happy in Pleasant Surroundings.

We have just completed a new henhouse that we are sure will be very convenient in caring for winter layers. This house was not built on the spur of the moment, but after three or four years of careful planning, says a writer in Missouri Valley Farmer. We studied farmers' bulletins, agricultural reports, farm papers, in fact, everything we could find which explained the building of good poultry houses. We also visited several chicken farms, and studied the buildings that have proved satisfactory there. We believe that our new house is better suited to our present needs than anything else that we could have built.

The house is 50 feet long by 10 feet wide. It is 7 feet high in front and 4½ feet at the back. It faces the south, and is sunny and warm. The house is divided into five rooms, 10



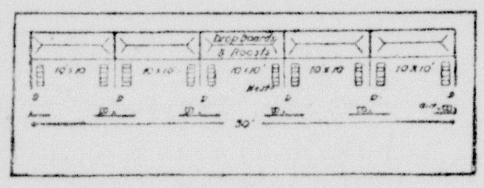
Henhouse Warm and Sunny.

feet square. The partitions are boarded only 3 feet from the back. The rest of the partitions and the inside doors are of poultry netting. On extremely cold nights a burlap curtain is dropped in front of the roosts. When this is down the hens are inclosed in a tiny room, 10 by 3 feet, and yet have an abundance of fresh air.

The windows are covered with one-inch poultry netting to keep the sparrows out. There is a drop-curtain of burlap for every window. These curtains are on frames which can be fastened back against the roof, where they are out of the way, during the day. The dropping board, which is three feet wide, extends the full length of the building. It is at the extreme back.

On the south of the house are pens made of six-foot netting. These pens are 10 by 30 feet. Straw, about a foot in depth, is kept in these pens. Into this straw I scatter the grain, so that the hens will be obliged to work for their living.

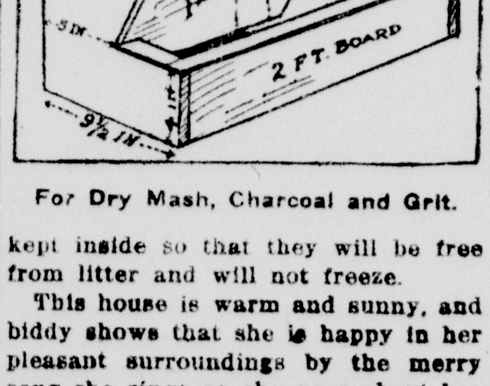
In each of these pens I have 20 White Leghorn pullets. The hens en-



Floor Plan of Henhouse.

ter the house through a small door under the window. There are only two large doors in the henhouse. The one at the west end of the building fastens on the inside, and we keep the one at the east end locked. We believe that thieves cannot easily disturb our flock.

The inside of this building is whitewashed, and it certainly looks cozy and comfortable on a winter day. Under the dropping boards I have nail-kegs facing the back, so that the hens can have dark nests. The feed and grit hoppers are inside the house. The pans for milk and water also are



For Dry Mash, Charcoal and Grit.

kept inside so that they will be free from litter and will not freeze.

This house is warm and sunny, and biddy shows that she is happy in her pleasant surroundings by the merry song she sings as she goes about her work. So many poultry raisers seem to think feed is the all-important thing. Too little attention is paid to shelter.

FOR CHICKEN-EATING SOWS

Half-Pint of Cider Vinegar in Slop Has Proved Gratifying Palliative in Many Cases.

When taken off pasture and confined to a dry ration the chicken-eating sow will likely resume her old practice of having a chicken dinner every now and then.

Such sows should not be retained, but if for any reasons they must be kept, and kept together with poultry, then feed the sow a half-pint of cider vinegar in her slop two or three times a week.

This may not entirely do away with the trouble, but it has proved a gratifying palliative in many cases.

Feed for the Calf.

Feed the calf a little less than it wants.

Ugh! Calomel Makes You Deathly Sick

Stop Using Dangerous Drug Before It Salivates You! It's Horrible!

You're bilious, sluggish, constipated and believe you need vile dangerous calomel to start your liver and clean your bowels.

Here's my guarnatee! Ask your druggist for a fifty cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone and take spoonful tonight. It it doesn't start your liver and straighten you right up better than calomel and without making you sick I want you to go back to the store and get you money. Take calomel today and tomorrow you will feel weak, sick and nauseated. Don't loss a day's work. Take a spoonful of harmless vegetable Dodson' Liver Tone tonight and wake up feeling great. It's perfectly harmless, so give it to your children any time. It can't salivate, so let them eat anything afterwards.

Notice in Bankruptcy

In the district court of the United States for the northern district of Texas in the matter of John Franklin Conley bankrupt, No. 872 in bankruptcy. Bankrupt's petition for discharge, filed 19th day of January, 1916, and order thereon. John Franklin Conley, of Alvord, respectfully represents that on the 4th day of November, 1915, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the acts of congress relating to bankruptcy, that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the court touching his bankruptcy. Wherefore he prays that he may be decreed be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all his debts provable against his estate under said bankrupt acts, except uch debts as are specially excepted by law from such discharge. Duly verified on the 15th day of January, 1916.

Signed: John Franklin Conley, Bankrupt.

Considering the above petition, it is ordered that any creditor who has proved his claim and other parties in interest desiring to oppose the said discharge as prayed for in the above petition shall, on or before the 29th day of February, 1916, file with the undersigned referee at Fort Worth, Texas, notice in writing of their opposition to such discharge, and after filing opposition, specifications thereunder shall be filed with the referee within ten days from the said date on or before which opposition may be filed.

Given this 28th day of January, 1916

W. B. PADDOCK,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

Citation by Publication

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Wise County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon J. T. Middleton by making publication of this citation once in each week for 4 consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the judicial district nearest to said 43rd judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be held at the court house thereof, in Decatur the same being29th day of May, 1916, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 8th day of November, 1915, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 3979, wherein Vick Middleton is plaintiff and J. T. Middleton is defendant and the cause of action being as follows: For divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, on said first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Decatur, Texas, this 24th day of January, 1916. LCRY D. WHITE, Clerk District Clerk, Wise County, Texas. (2-18)

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The First State Bank

OF GREENWOOD, TEXAS,

At the close of business Dec. 31, 1915

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts		$ 17,519 60
Bonds and stocks		142 26
Furniture and fixtures		1,337 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	$1,107 48	
Due from banks and bankers subject to check	4,752 91	5,860 39
Cash items	2,673 22	
Currency	875 00	
Specie	610 50	4,158 72
Interest in depositors guaranty fund		132 22
Other resources as follows		33 82
Total		$29,184 01

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	$10,000 00
Surplus fund	750 00
Undivided profits net	1,101 55
Due to banks and bankers subject to check, net	171 50
Individual deposits subject to check	16,810 96
Time certificates of deposit	350 00
Total	$29,184 01

State of Texas, County of Wise:—We, J. P. Rudd, as president, and Chas. E. Peery as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. J. P. Rudd, president; Chas. E. Peery cashier.

Correct attest: E B Brown, J R Roach, John M Lowder, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of Jan, 1916. W. M. Maley, Notary Public Wise county.

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The laxative tablet with the pleasant taste

Protects every member of the family from Constipation—the enemy of good health

10¢ 25¢ 50¢

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Trial size, 10 cents.
DECATUR DRUG CO.

Schedule of Votes in the Big Contest

1 year	$1.00	1000 votes	6 years	$6.00	11000 votes
2 years	2.00	3000 votes	7 years	7.00	13000 votes
3 years	3.00	5000 votes	8 years	8.00	15000 votes
4 years	4.00	7000 votes	9 years	9.00	17000 votes
5 years	5.00	9000 votes	10 years	10.00	20000 votes

Life-time Subscription . . . . $25.00 . . . . 60,000 votes

Cureton Bill Substituted.

Austin, April 7.—The senate guarantee of deposits bill (Senter-Hume) substitute reached the house and was referred to the committee on banking, which immediately reported it favorably with an amendment. The amendment strikes out all the senate bill and substitutes the Cureton bill.

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Order that New Spring Suit while the selections are goon. *2000* new fresh samples now on display.

Men's suits *$15.00 to $40.00*
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All the latest patterns

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of your business. We want it and you will find that we will appreciate it, and will do our utmost to deserve it.

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NEILL VOLKMAN'S

Barber Shop

Always Satisfactory Service By

Expert Workmen

Second door West of the Postoffice

Your Patronage Will Be Appreciated

It's a fact; no fake about it. On Saturday, Feb. 5, in Decatur, silver dollars will be exchanged for 50 cts. Watch, wait for announcement.—Adv

FOR A GOOD SHAVE

AND EXPERT TONSORIAL WORK OF ALL KINDS PATRONIZE

Walter Owen's Shop

Northwest Corner

Griners' Restaurant

EAST MAIN STREET

Fresh Fish and Oysters
Short Orders

HAVE CLOSED THEIR DOORS

The Unexpected has Happened

Wonders never cease; time may roll on, but bills come due; must be paid as sure as 'taxes' and 'death.' The entire high-grade stock Dry Goods, Clothing, Ladies' Ready-to-Wear, Boots, Shoes, Notions

One big lot of Calicos, Domestics and short lengths 1000 yards; 12 yards to a customer

31-2C

per yard

One lot ladies new long c'ats worth $12.50 in this sale

$4.98

Children 4.50 coats as low as

$2.39

Prices that stagger belief to raise the money quick to pay off debts. We figure it is better to slaughter the stock, raise the cash and pay off all obligations than to let the courts and lawyers get it all.

Biggest Bargain Event in the History of Wise County

Must be sold at "any old price"

it will bring quick to pay off the pressing debts

It's not choice; it's compulsion. On account of the awful late backward season we are placed in this condition with thousands of dollars worth of new seasonable merchandise on hands. Bills due and no money in bank with which to pay

Listen! Wait! Watch! Be On Hand

SATURDAY, FEB. 5, 9 AM

When the Greatest Sale of Good New Seasonable Dry Goods, etc, Decatur ever saw will begin at Robinson's

Clothing

Men's and boys' clothing at a song.
Boys' suits at ....98c, $1.98, $2.89, $3.89 and $4.39
Boys' pants at .....39c, 69c and 98c.
Big lot men's $12.50 suits at $6.89
$15 suits $7.67
$20 suits $9.98
Overcoats and mackinaws, all at far less than cost. Odd pants at any old price 98c, $1.39, $1.98, $2.89
Children's $2.00, and $2.50 raincoats 98c
$7.50 raincoats $5.99
$5.50 raincoats $3.98

Ladies' $15 coats $4.98
Ladies' suits up to $15 now on sale. $9.98

Men's overalls $1.00 grade 69c
Blankets 2.00 and 2.50 grade, now $1.49
$2.00 quilts now 99c
Men's $2.50 hats $1.24
Men's $1.50 hats ....$ .98
One lot of sample hats, value up to $3.00, now 98c

$1.50 hats, now 49c
Ladies' hemstitched handkerchief now 2c
Pearl buttons 5c grade, 2 pair 5c. Limited.
Ladies' middies $1.50 and $1.25 .. 79c
Men's ties 35c and 50c, now 14c
Outing night gown 50c and 75c grade. Two to a customer 29c
Poplin 25c, 35c, 50c now at 19c
Greatest bargains in dress goods you ever heard of.
50c dress goods now at 21c
$1.25 gabardine in all colors, now at 89c
50 in. wide all serge $1.00 quality, now on sale 74c
Plaid silks 50c grade in dark blue, dark brown, dark green, now 23c
Seren in all shades, now on sale, 15c grade 11c
25c grade, now on sale 19c
35c grade, now on sale 24c
Baby blankets 50c grade, now on sale 29c
Baby blankets $2.00 ....99c

Suit cases at one-half price.
Percals at 7 1-2
50c linen crash 39c
10c domestic, now 6c
Men's sox 5c
Men's 25c sox 14c
$4.00 suit now $2.49
Boys' knee pants, 1 lot now 19c
$1.50 knee pants now 79c
$2.50 knee pants now 98c
75c knee pants now 39c
Men's $5.00 pants now $3.49
Men's $3.50 pants now 2.24
Men's $2.50 pants now 1.49
$2.00 pants now 99c
Men's underwear, 50c grade 29c
Men's union suits $1.50 now 89c
1 lot of men's shirts, up to $3.50 at 98c
Ladies shoes, $3.00 and $3.50 at $1.98
Ladies' Red Cross $4.00 and $4.50 go in this sale at $2.79

Men's Overcoats

$7.50 overcoats now $3.98
$15.00 overcoats now 5.98
$10.00 overcoats, now 4.49
$7.50 macanaws now 3.98
In all sizes.

Boys' Suits

$7.50 blue serge all wool. now ..$3.79
$5.00 all-wool suits, all sizes $2.98
Men's top shirts with collars $1.50, 89c and $1.00, all sizes, for 74c
Ladies' 25c hose 19c
Ladies' 50c silk hose 39c
$5.50 ladies' skirt $1.00

The first woman who buys the largest bill from 9 a. m. to 10 a. m. will receive $14.50 dress for $1.00. The dress is exhibited in the window.

Shoes on Sale

100 prs shoes, ladies' pat. vici kid and gnnmetal from $3.00, 3.50 and 4.00, on sale at 89c
100 pairs of boys and girls' shoes, high top, black or red, pat or gun metal, $3.00 and 3.50, on sale. 98c
Infant shoes now on sale 15c
Boys' $2.50 and 3.00 shoes, now $1.49
Men's 5.00 shoes now 3.49
Men's 3.50 shoes, now 2.49
Men's 2.50 shoes, now 1.79
Men's elk skin 2.50 shoe, now 1.89

1000 pairs of men's and ladies' fine shoes, 5.00 values, go at

$1.98

Men's shirts and underwr sample work and dress shirts, go in this sale at

39C

The famous John B. Stetson hats, worth $5 at

$3.48

If you value money get here Saturday morning at 9 o'clock These prices will almost "raise the dead" and raise cash to beat the band. Bring this bill for comparison and get supplied for the year Remember the opening day; 15 days of gigantic bargain - giving.

Sale Lasts 15 Days

FREE--To the first 100 to enter the store Saturday at 9 a. m. will receive a Majestic ticket with every $1.00 purchase and up.

The first five persons entering the store Saturday Morning at opening of this Great Sale will be given a Silver Dollar in exchange for a 50-cent piece. Store will be CLOSED all day Friday in order to arrange stock to facilitate the selling. Everything must go; everything in the house reduced almost beyond recognition. Remember date of opening—Saturday, February 5, 9 a. m.

Lay aside everything, load up the big wagon, bring the whole family and come.

In this limited space we can quote only a few of the prices, but it will give you an idea of the tremendous bargains that await your coming

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